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Darran Hall named co-player of game in Holiday Bowl

Former Griffins player continues Rams' recruiting channel

by Joe Naiman

Not only were San Diego products Moses Moreno and Darran Hall the shared winners of the 1997 Holiday Bowl's Most Valuable Player award, but it was Moreno who recruited the former Grossmont College star to Colorado State.

Moreno and some of his teammates were the stated reason Hall gave for choosing Colorado State.

"When I went on my recruiting trip it was like a family atmosphere," he said. "I just wanted to contribute, but I contributed more than I expected."

During the Rams' games prior to the Holiday Bowl, including the Western Athletic Conference championship play-off game against New Mexico, he caught 21 passes for 476 yards and five touchdowns.

In addition to his 22.7-yard-per-reception average, the wide receiver also had a 22-yard average on four rushes for 88 yards, a 20-yard average on nine punt returns for 180 yards including a touchdown, and a 21.9 yard average on 15 kickoff returns for 329 yards.

His 1073 all-purpose yards ranked fourth on the team and earned him honorable mention WAC Pacific Division honors.

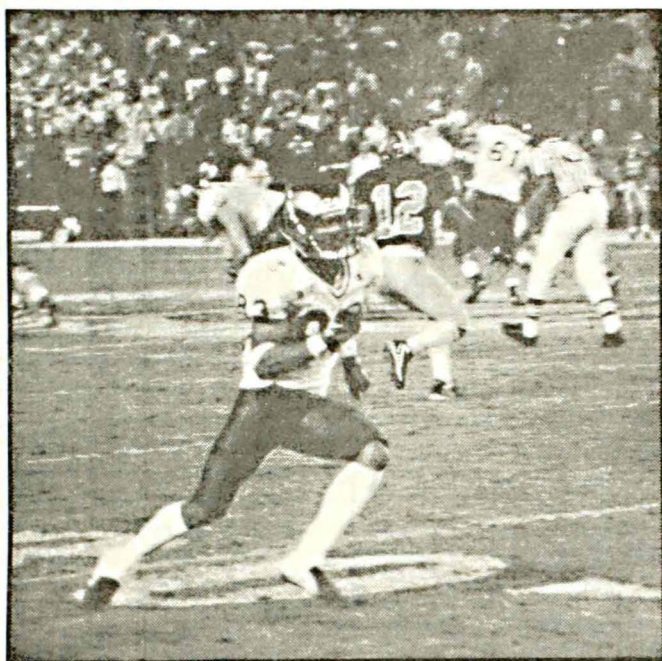
On the surface, the statistics seemed similar to last year's Grossmont College totals, where, in 10 games for the 9-1 Griffins, he led the team in scoring with 78 points on 12 receiving touchdowns and a kickoff return, caught 39 passes for 746 yards to average 19.1 yards a catch, averaged 25 yards on his 18 kickoff returns for 468 yards, and was second on the team with 1249 all-purpose yards.

(Hall had one rush for three yards and returned two punts for a total of 32 yards.)

Then again, when Grossmont College earned a postseason bowl appearance last year, he performed before a crowd of about 3,000, considerably less than the 50,761 who saw him return to San Diego for the Holiday Bowl.

"To play college Division I football, you have to play it to believe what it takes, and for us as a family to win it, it's very special," said Hall of the difference between the 1997 WAC championship and the 1996 Pacific Coast Conference championship.

Other than that, winning a PCC championship and winning a WAC championship



Darran Hall, ex-Grossmont Griffin, was named co-MVP of the 1997 Holiday Bowl. Here, he drives down field while running a pass route.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

have similarities, he added.

He commented that it's the same feeling, and asked how many people can say they played in any championship game.

Last year his quarterback at Grossmont College was Akili Smith. Hall, who led the CIF in stolen bases as a senior, played minor league baseball, rather than going directly to college out of high school, playing four years in the Reds organization, reaching the Carolina League. Smith had also tried pro baseball before starting college.

A phone call from Smith convinced Hall to join the quarterback at Grossmont College for the 1996 season. They separated this year, with Smith going to Oregon and Hall to Colorado State.

He said that Smith got him the ball last year, so that he had a pretty good season, adding that then he got to CSU and all his dreams came true.

Hall added that the most noticeable difference between Smith and Moreno is that Smith is an athletic quarterback, while Moreno is more of a prototype quarterback.

Moreno's longest run of the season was 15 yards, which was 20 yards shorter than Hall's longest run, when he showed his skill on the double reverse in the first quarter of the Holiday Bowl, gaining 14 yards for the game's first touchdown.

"I just concentrated on that run and turning the corner," he

said. "That's been our motto all year, balanced attack."

Hall also scored the first points of the second half on an 85-yard punt return, breaking the 17-year-old Holiday Bowl record for longest return, and put the Rams ahead for the rest of the game.

"All I did is catch the ball and headed straight upfield," he said.

He added that soon as he caught it, he was wide open and that all he had to do was outrun everybody.

The local college star gave credit for the touchdown to his blocking, and credits the Rams' 11-win season to the seniors on the team.

"This was very good for Coach Lubick and the seniors," he said. "This win is for the team and the seniors."

Although Hall is only a sophomore and will have two years

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Hall one of many local players in game

by Greg Eichelberger

The 20th annual (Plymouth) Holiday Bowl was more of a San Diego prep football family reunion than anything else.

The 7-4 Missouri Tigers, ranked #19 in the country and third in the Big 12, fell to the WAC champion Colorado State Rams (10-2, #18), 35-24, as State came from a 17-14 half-time deficit to outscore the black and gold, 21-7 in the final two periods.

Twelve players, some starters, most not, of the CSU team, are from this area, including two from the East County, Kevin McCadem, third-string QB (the from El Capitan High), and wide receiver Darran Hall (a graduate of Lincoln High and Grossmont Community College).

The result was somewhat of an upset since Missouri, from a stronger league, the Big 12 (which had four teams, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas State and Oklahoma State in the Top 20), gets much more respect than the Western Athletic Conference, from which Colorado State is the poll's only representative.

And while the former Vaquero McCadem rode the bench, thanks to the sterling performance by Chula Vista's

scamper and a record-setting 85-yard punt return early in the third (breaking the old mark of 83 set in the 1980 BYU-SMU contest).

Accepting the prize from his coach, Sonny Lubick, after the hard-fought event, he dedicated it to his mother, Jettie, who raised him by herself. "This is a dream come true," he said. "I thank God that I could come home and put on a performance like this, especially for my mom who supported me through thick and thin."

Hall was grateful for the warm fan reception, especially in light of his recent, ill-fated, expedition into professional baseball. He took a lot of heat and public ridicule when he decided to quit the sport after advancing to the single-A level.

He was also a bit miffed that few experts, such as ESPN, Sports Illustrated or most sports pundits, for that matter, gave his Rams any chance whatsoever against a Big 12 team like Missouri, which, a few weeks earlier, had almost knocked off #2 Nebraska.

"There was a lot of trash talking by Missouri and no one respected us," he said. "We showed them a WAC team could play with the big boys. Our defensive unit, special teams and running game really shook them up."

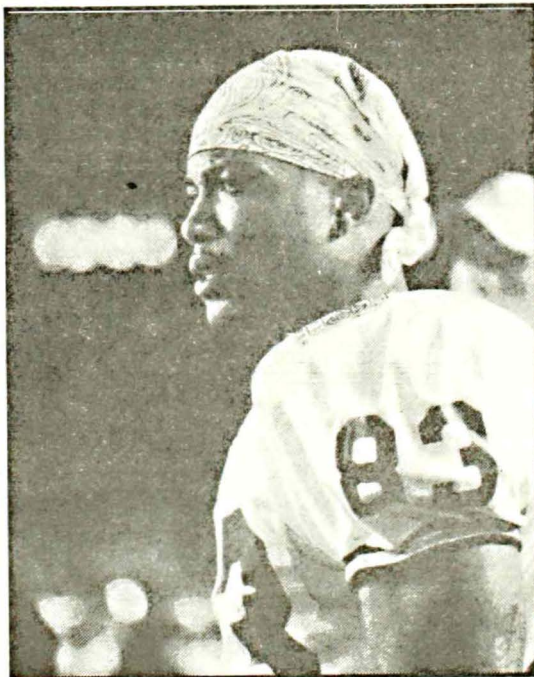
While he said that he isn't a selfish player, when the game is one the line, he wants the ball in his hands. In addition, he was inspired by his old Griffin QB, Akili Smith, who had helped lead Oregon over Air Force on Dec. 20. Both young men had lost last year in the state junior college championship match.

Even though he didn't play, East County compatriot McCadem, who led El Cap to the CIF playoffs in 1995 and '96, was thrilled that State, which had lost three previous bowl games (including two of the last three Holiday affairs), was finally victorious, and that he was happy to be a part of the pre- and post-game festivities.

"We had a great time all week and it's really nice to watch us win our first bowl game," he said. He added that he looked forward to the day when he'll get to play in one himself, and not have to pace the sidelines.

He also added that he was in awe of Moreno's performance (18 for 24 for 206 yards and two TDs, including a 47-

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Darran Hall

Moses Moreno, Hall walked, or ran off with the co-MVP award with Moreno.

He grabbed the trophy, thanks, in part, to two touchdowns, a first quarter 14-yard

Community Notes

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Upcoming Events

Clarinet Society to give concert at Grossmont

The San Diego Clarinet Society in association with Grossmont College's Department of Music will sponsor "Clarinet Summit, '98" beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday and ending at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Grossmont College Music Building, Room 220.

The event will include 14 San Diego clarinetists who will perform clarinet music of all genres, including classical, jazz, experimental, klezmer, dixie and swing. Along with the clarinetists, local pianists, string players and percussionists will perform. Two master classes and a jazz improvisation workshop will also be offered.

Tickets for the entire summit range between \$22 and \$35. Tickets for individual sections may be purchased for between \$8 and \$10.

For tickets and other information call 229-9061.

Local artists to exhibit works through February

East County members of a local artist group, "Art 12," will exhibit their work from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., through Feb. 27. The exhibit will be at the San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Ave. in San Diego. There will be a reception for the artists from 3 - 5 p.m. on Jan. 11 at that location.

Artists Terry Mullis of La Mesa, George T. Kern of San Carlos and Anne Meek of El Cajon will contribute to an exhibit with approximately 120 paintings. The artists work with a variety of media, including oil, acrylic, pastel, gouache, ink, pencil and watercolor.

Concert Association to hold fashion show

The Grossmont Community Concert Association will host a fashion show and luncheon, "Puttin' On The Ritz" at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 8110 Aero Dr. in San Diego. The cost is \$25.

Fashions from Brady's, Marie Aube's, Dressed To Impress, Mr. C's and Spoiled Rotten will be featured.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the group's women's music scholarships. For further information call 465-7545.

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Hospital Auxiliary to hold volunteer orientation

The Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary will hold an orientation for senior volunteers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday in the Main Auditorium, 5555 Grossmont Center Dr. in La Mesa.

Parking is available in the parking structure in front of the hospital. Volunteers work in many areas of the hospital, including the medical and surgical floors, gift shop, lobby information desk, women's center, cancer center and the Thrift Korral in El Cajon.

For further information call the auxiliary office at 644-4059.

Rose Society to hold pruning demonstration

The East County Rose Society will hold a pruning demonstration from 1 - 4 p.m. on Saturday at 11252 Horizon Hill Dr. in El Cajon. The public is invited to attend.

East County tax consultants set education classes

The East County Chapter of the Inland Society of Tax Consultants will hold their annual continuing education classes, "Running Start" tomorrow and Thursday.

Day 1 will be an update of all Federal and California law changes and forms for individual returns. Day 2 is a continuation of Day 1 with Federal law changes and California compliance with the new law changes. Participants will receive lots of information, helpful charts, tables and worksheets.

Refreshment breaks, lunch and class materials are included. The cost for members is \$210 and \$260 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. For class times and location or to register for the classes call 596-3046.

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Sports Beat

with Greg Eichelberger



Greetings sports addicts. Here's hoping your New Year's celebration was filled to the brim with enough football and turkey to knock you out of your overstuffed LA-Z Boy recliners. I, on the other hand, did not have the luxury of a holiday, so I have to come up with something for this column while you're all snug in your little trundle beds.

The top-ranked Michigan Wolverines clinched the 1997 NCAA national football championship (the Associated Press version, at least) with a controversial 21-16 win over #8 Washington State in the Rose Bowl last Thursday. The next day, in the Orange Bowl, the second-place Nebraska Cornhuskers demolished #3 Tennessee, 42-17, a margin that convinced the coaches poll to vote it #1.

With the Bugeaters coach, Tom Osborne retiring after the game, some skippers may have felt a pang of nostalgia and awarded that poll's top spot to his squad. Who knows? It doesn't matter much to me, though. Michigan, which has not won a football title since 1948, is probably the more deserving team, since it played a tougher schedule than Nebraska.

Still, however, I can't help but wonder what one more game this week between these two teams to decide it all, would hurt. Not only that, but it's a match-up that would guarantee hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue and could approach Super Bowl-like ratings. Why is the NCAA so stupid?!

Jack Murphy/QualComm Stadium is being given a face-lift for the upcoming AFL-NFL showdown game. It's like trying to pass Phyllis Diller off as Bridgette Bardot, if you ask me. After all of the construction and mess Padres fans endured last spring, the NFL still isn't satisfied with how it looks. Even tons of new sod has been added to the field in the past few weeks. It's just a game, people.

While the local politicians who made this deal may have to clean the yolk off their faces well into the next millennium, our two-time Taylor Cup champion Gulls have no such worries.

Propped atop the acme of the (local) sports world with a 23-3-1 record, the team (through Cari Slater of El Cajon) wants everyone to come out and see it play, especially on Jan. 31, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Come to the Sports Arena and enjoy a catered Mexican buffet, a hat, a t-shirt and a ticket to the Gulls-Reno contest for just \$10. Plus the first 4,000 fans receive a free Rally's kid's meal coupon. Three dollars of the money goes to help the Spring Valley/Lemon Grove Bobby Sox league.

Slater, who sits on the board of that organization, is hoping for a good turnout to help these fine girls and adult volunteers. "This is one of the most financially disadvantaged leagues in San Diego," she said. "It would be nice to raise some money to help them out a little." For more information, please call her at 224-4625, extension 374.

Meanwhile, on the hardwood, congratulations to the Monte Vista Monarchs girls basketball squad that took the championship of the Cardinal Slam and Jam Invitational last weekend. MV's route to the title was achieved with victories over San Diego High (51-44), El Cajon Valley (60-43) and Santa Fe Christian (41-30). Andrea Campbell and Monique Pili were the star Monarchs for this series of games.

While this was going on, the Christian Heritage College Hawks split a pair with visiting John Carroll University (of Ohio). The men (10-6) winning 86-73, as Josh Layton led five players who scored in double figures, but the ladies (2-9), paced by Jennie Griffith and Sarah Cisneros, falling 65-53.

The 7-7 Granite Hills Eagles (boys) lost to host Torrey Pines, 46-42, in the final game of the Nike National Prep Classic last week at Cox Arena on the campus of SDSU. Two East County schools, Helix and Valhalla, also participated in the recent Chula Vista tourney, but neither came close to winning it.

Senior J.J. Roberts (119 pounds) of Valhalla High, heads a list of three Norseman wrestlers to capture individual honors as his team finished second at the Upland Tournament. He was joined by schoolmates David Lopes (103 pounds) and Paul Acosta (171 pounds).

If you're just as tired of not seeing anything about your favorite team, athlete or school in this column as I am about not writing anything about them, then rectify the situation by calling me at 390-7103 (or E-mailing ikeforum@juno.com). That should take care of any leftover New Year's resolutions. Until then, though, have a great week.

East County High Schools

Sports Schedules
(as available)

Tuesday, Jan. 6 - Tuesday, Jan. 13
(check with schools for times)

Tuesday (1/6) - Girls and Boys Basketball (alternate early game): Grossmont at Mount Miguel, El Cajon Valley at Granite Hills, El Capitan at Monte Vista, Santana at Valhalla, West Hills at Helix.

Wednesday (1/7)* - Boys soccer (Girls at opposite site): El Cajon at Monte Vista, West Hills at Granite Hills, Helix at Grossmont, Valhalla at Santana, El Capitan at Mount Miguel. *Designated night games.

Thursday (1/8) - Wrestling: Helix at El Cajon Valley, Grossmont at Monte Vista, Santana at Mount Miguel, Valhalla at El Capitan, West Hills at Granite Hills.

Friday (1/9) - Girls and Boys Basketball (alternate early game): Granite Hills at Grossmont, Monte Vista at El Cajon Valley, Valhalla at El Capitan, Helix at Santana, Mount Miguel at West Hills. Boys soccer (Girls at opposite site): Monte Vista at West Hills, Grossmont at Granite Hills, Santana at Helix, El Capitan at Valhalla, Mount Miguel at El Cajon Valley.

Monday (1/12) - Girls Basketball (Boys at opposite sites): Monte Vista at Grossmont, Valhalla at El Cajon Valley, Helix at El Capitan, Mount Miguel at Santana, Granite Hills at West Hills.

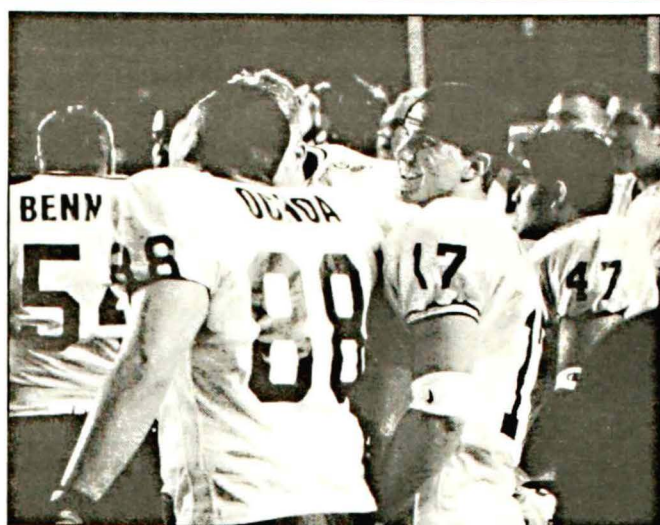
Homecoming ...

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yard toss in the third) and admitted that he's learning a lot from Morena and the number two man, junior Ryan Esslinger, who broke the Tigers' back with a fourth quarter 23-yard run on a fake field goal.

"It was great to be here and see us win in front of my mom, my brothers, my girlfriend and her parents," he said.

The victory gives the WAC a 1-2 record in this year's bowl appearances. Air Force lost to Oregon and New Mexico to Arizona.

This was UM's second Holiday Bowl loss. They last appeared here in 1983, dropping a 21-17 game to BYU and quarterback Steve Young.



Former El Cap quarterback Kevin McCadem (#17) is surrounded by happy Colorado State players after a 35-24 Holiday Bowl win.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

Recruiting ...

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of collegiate ball remaining, the win in his hometown was also the Rams' first Holiday Bowl win.

He said that excelling at his original home is a dream come

true for him, adding that this was why he left baseball, to be in this situation.

Winning 11 games, a conference championship and a bowl game in Hall's first year, exceeded his expectations.

Just as Moreno recruited Hall to Colorado State, Hall

will be convincing local prep and junior college stars to play for the Rams.

He has already recruited defensive end Milton Harris out of Grossmont College, remarking that Harris can help the Rams immediately, due to the graduation of Adrian Ross.

Commentary

by Joe Naiman

A history of coaching changes at San Diego State University has failed to produce improvements in its athletic program.

Blue-chip recruits are enrolled occasionally, but not frequently enough to make the Aztecs competitive in its conference. And the coaches are unjustly being given the blame.

We hear it year after year. Tollner or Lugenbill, can't win the big one. Trinkle, or Fuller or Brandenburg is a terrible coach. Chuck Clegg can't recruit. Jim Dietz has lost his touch.

Nobody said that about these coaches or predecessors a decade ago. Nobody said that Chuck Clegg couldn't recruit when the Aztecs soccer team finished second in the nation with two players now on the U.S. National Team. These coaches didn't all suddenly become incompetent.

There's some truth to the claim that Chuck Clegg can't recruit, not because there's anything wrong with Clegg himself, but because the Aztecs soccer program has never had enough scholarships to provide for an 11-man team.

In the history of the program, National Team member Marcello Balboa, who spent his first two years at Cerritos Junior College, has been the only player to receive a full soccer

scholarship at San Diego State.

Is it any wonder that the soccer program falls short against those who have 11 scholarships? Don't blame Chuck Clegg for that, blame former athletic director Fred Miller, who put the university's athletic eggs in the football basket and found himself toppling the whole program.

Okay, don't blame Miller entirely, since the Aztecs' football program did have a competitive team in the early 1990s.

It did recruit Marshall Faulk after nearly upsetting Miami on national television. There are former Aztecs who are good enough to be in the National Football League.

I was at Northwestern University during the football team's 34-game losing streak. Dennis Green was Northwestern's coach at the time.

During a fireside chat at our dorm one night, Dennis Green was asked how he recruited players to a school that had lost (at the end of the 1981 season) 31 games in a row. Green's answer was that he promised them an education. There were plenty of good football programs, but at Northwestern the recruits would get an education.

That explains why talented football players would go to a school that needs to defeat five Big Ten teams to have a winning conference record. It also

explains why San Diego State University is no longer getting competitive student-athletes.

Unlike Northwestern, San Diego State doesn't have the academic program to back its athletic teams. The Aztec coaches rely only on their athletic departments, as the university has few departments which are competitive with other schools offering Division I athletics.

That's not the fault of Ted Tollner, or Fred Trinkle, or Chuck Clegg, or Jim Dietz or any other coach, or even the athletic director.

That's the fault of the university administration. The decline in the Aztecs athletic program coincided with the cuts implemented in 1991 by university president Thomas Day.

The recruiters lost their academic attractions and have been forced to rely on unspectacular athletic programs to replenish their athletes.

Fred Miller and Thomas Day are gone. San Diego State University has a new president and a new athletic director.

Hopefully they realize what it takes to turn the athletic program around. It's not a new arena, and it's not new coaches. San Diego State University needs to supply its athletes with an education rather than just a degree or classes. Until then, the coaches are merely scapegoats for an inferior university.

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